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Civil Service employees seek objective removal

By DEANA POOLE
Administration editor

An objective in the strategic plan regarding Eastern's civil service system has sparked controversy among faculty and staff members.

Sandra Ramsay, the employees advisory committee representative for Eastern's civil service employees, wrote a letter to Eastern President David Jorns that stated the civil service employees disapproved of objective eight of the personnel section of the strategic plan and wanted it to be removed.

Objective eight of the strategic plan states, "Establish an initiative to replace the cumbersome, antiquated employee classification/selection system with a process that ensures the identification and selection of employees who are best suited and most motivated for specific positions."

Elizabeth Hitch, a member of the subcommittee reviewing the strategic plan, said the subcommittee received a large number of responses regarding the November draft of the plan.

She said subcommittee members Mike Havey, Lance Phillips and Deb Woodley will meet Tuesday to look at the responses from faculty and staff and begin revising personnel objectives, including objective

eight.

"The section in question is being reworked by a work group from the subcommittee. No administrators are on this work group. Whether or not this item is revised will be up to them," Jorns said in an e-mail message.

Jorns said objective eight was added to the strategic plan because of numerous complaints about the current classification system.

"The purpose of the item in question was to state these concerns in strong language and determine the reaction of the general university community," Jorns said. "Most of the objectives were stated in strong language intended to elicit a response."

Ramsay said the civil service system was created in 1952 to help provide Eastern with the most qualified employees for the position. Under the civil service system employee hirings, promotions, demotions and seniority are determined.

Ramsay said objective eight is an attempt to eliminate the civil service system.

"It is clearly an attempt to eliminate the state university's civil service merit system which covers approximately 20,000 employees across the state of Illinois," Ramsay said. "Adopting this objective would open the door for a patronage, or if you will,

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IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Charlotte Ann Martin, a senior music major, celebrates her winning of the Miss Eastern Illinois Pageant 1997 while hugging a contestant Friday evening in the Charleston Elks Lodge, 720 Sixth St. Martin will participate in the Miss Illinois Pageant in June.

Next stop: Miss Illinois

Miss Eastern Illinois Pageant winner moves on to statewide pageant competition in June

By BRITT CARSON
and DENISE RENFRO
Staff editors

One woman captured the crown Saturday as the 1997 Miss Eastern Illinois to advance to the Miss Illinois Pageant in June.

Charlotte Ann Martin, 21, a senior music major with a concentration in vocal performance, was crowned Miss Eastern Illinois at the local preliminary to the Miss Illinois Pageant which was sponsored by Delta Chi fraternity.

Martin said she was relieved when she found out she had won the pageant.

"I just kept thinking 'please God just let me get this so I can go to state,'" Martin said.

Martin has been in 30 pageants and was the first runner up to the Miss Illinois Pageant last year. She has been preparing for this pageant for the last nine months.

"I did Miss Illinois last year to get my feet wet," Martin said. "Now I am in this to win."

If Martin wins the Miss Illinois Pageant in June, she will take next year off of school to prepare for the Miss America Pageant.

"I have dreamed about being Miss America since I was five-years-old," said Martin.

Martin said at 5 feet 3 inches tall she does not fit the typical model stereotype.

"I am not your stereotypical pageant freak, I am a talented girl who wants to make this work and is willing to work my tush off to get this."

She said to prepare for the pageant she ran an average of 40-50 miles a week. Her talent is opera and she said she obtains all the training she needs four hours a day during her classes.

Martin also said the main advantage to the

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IKUYA KURATA/Staff photographer

Hold on

EIU dancers present their performance titled "Heading for the Future" Friday and Saturday night at the McAfee Gymnasium stage.

Phelps announces candidacy for Poshard's seat in house

By ROB STROUD
City editor

David Phelps, D-Eldorado, will run to fill Glenn Poshard's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 19th Congressional District during the 1998 election.

Phelps, a member of the Illinois House of

Representatives, made his announcement Saturday while touring the 19th District.

"I have given serious thought since the first of the year, regarding my candidacy for Poshard's congressional seat," Phelps said in a press release.

Phelps has served in the House for seven consecutive terms after defeating Republican

incumbent Robert Winchester in 1984.

Before this, Phelps served as the Saline County Clerk and was a school teacher and principal in Eldorado.

Phelps is currently the chair of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and the vice chair of the Higher Education Committee in the House.

In the Higher Education Committee, Phelps said he gained an appreciation for how difficult it is to give appropriations and funding to public universities like Eastern.

"It is not easy to find new money when there are many demands in other areas," Phelps said.

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& then some

& then some is a weekly column covering various campus and community events.

◆ BEARY HELPFUL

Residents of Andrews Hall raised \$80 to purchase stuffed teddy bears for the Charleston Police Department when the officers deal with young children.

Andrews Hall residents raised the money by selling Valentine's Day "Candy-Grams."

The fund raiser was organized by **Sally Wunderle**, Andrews Hall Council president; **Holly Harvey**, resident; and **Marla Salmon**, resident.

The teddy bears will be used in calming children who have gone through traumatic experiences.

Wunderle presented the teddy bears to Officer **Carl Daniel** last Friday at the police department.

◆ BOWL FOR KIDS

Students wanting to help **Big Brother/Big Sister** raise \$30,000 can do so by entering a bowling tournament to help fund the operation of the non-profit organization.

Big Brother/Big Sister is holding bowling nights throughout April to raise money. **EIU Night** will be at the Charleston Lanes, 1310 University Drive, at 7 p.m. Thursday for students wanting to help the organization reach their goal.

The bowling and shoe rental is free for participants who organize a team of four to six people and raise at least \$15 in pledges, said **Stacey Allee**, a case worker for the organization.

Papa John's will provide pizza for all participants, and drinks will also be free for those involved. Door prizes will also be given, and team captains will receive free T-shirts.

◆ ROCK THE VOTE

The **Black Student Union**, **Black Greek Council** and **University Board** have put together a ballot for students to vote for who they think have

been outstanding members of Eastern's community.

The categories students can vote for include: three men and three women of distinction, athlete of the year, scholar of the year, campus entertainer, volunteer of the year, most spiritual, program of the year, founder of the year and emerging leader.

Students can vote from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Monday to Friday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Walkway. Voting also will be open from 5 to 6 p.m. at the following locations: Monday in Taylor Hall, Tuesday in Thomas Hall, Wednesday in Stevenson Hall and Thursday in Carman Hall.

All students are invited and encouraged to come out and vote.

The awards will be given out at the **Mahogany Awards Ceremony**, which will be at 7 p.m. May 3 in the Grand Ballroom of the Union. The theme will be "Men and Women of Distinction."

◆ WELL DONE

Charmaine Shirley, a junior from Decatur, was awarded first place at the annual **Bock Persuasive Speaking Contest**.

Shirley won \$400 and her name will be put on a plaque that is on display in the Speech Communication Office.

Thirty-five speech communication majors and minors competed in the speaking contest. Each student had to give a six to eight minute persuasive speech.

Megan Spicer, a sophomore from Barrington placed second and **Jeff Zilch**, a senior from Glen Ellyn placed third. Other finalists included: **David Farlow**, a senior from Effingham; **Paul Hevesy**, a senior from Peoria; and **A.J. Muhr**, a senior from Mt. Zion.

The contest is sponsored by **Doug Bock**, the chair of the speech communication department and was part of the Speech Communication Week.

— Reagan Branham is the managing editor and a regular columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.

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a good-old-boy system."

Ramsay said the letter sent to Jorns represents the opinion of 1,000 civil service employees on and off campus.

The letter also has been distributed to members of the CUPB.

"The March 27 letter sent to the president and to CUPB members represents a combined effort by Eastern civil service employees to request the removal of this objective," Ramsay said.

In the letter, Ramsay states, "You have insulted each of us and our 20,000 counterparts across the State Universities System. You have implied that we were hired under a 'cumbersome, antiquated employee classification/selection system' and that we are not the 'best suited and most motivated' for our specific positions ... I am personally appalled at the lack of respect and insensitivity your proposal has shown for Eastern Illinois University's professional, civil-service staff."

Ramsay said the current system of hiring employees assures the most qualified candidate for the position is hired through a combination of testing, experience and education.

The letter also states, "It is difficult enough to function within the current philosophy of doing more with less (for civil service staff), but to portray us as unqualified and unmotivated is the ultimate insult."

Ramsay said she wrote the letter because of the many complaints she received from civil service employees because of objective eight.

"We believed that the strategic positioning plan containing objective number eight was to be addressed in the March 28 CUPB meeting and we were requesting the membership to review the objective and remove it," Ramsay said.

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pageants is the scholarship money.

"This is paying my way through school," Martin said. "The scholarship money is incredible. Last year I won over \$5,000."

Five women competed in the pageant, which was held at the Charleston Elks Lodge before a crowd of approximately 100 residents, students and family members.

Martin received \$300 in scholarship money and Moore received \$100 and the three remaining contestants won \$50 scholarships which is paid directly to Eastern.

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Phelps said he was just getting acquainted with the communities in the 19th District, but was aware of the economic potential of the area along Route 16 between Charleston and Mattoon.

Phelps said he would support this by working to improve the area's infrastructure. He said he has always tried to improve the infrastructure of the areas he represents.

In the press release, Phelps said he had been encouraged to run for

Poshard's seat by past supporters and Democratic party leaders.

Phelps said deciding to run was a difficult decision that he balanced on family input, the demographics of the district and the overall support pledged to him.

Bob Crowder, the Coles County Democratic Chair, said Phelps was a good candidate, but will face a lot of competition. Crowder said two or three other potential candidates have been discussed within the party.

Ramsay said Jorns, who is the CUPB chair, has not yet responded to her letter.

Jorns said Ramsay's concerns are premature.

"... her concerns are premature since several more revisions are before us," Jorns said.

A subcommittee of the CUPB presented a draft of the strategic plan in November to the council. The subcommittee then sought feedback from faculty and staff members.

"(The letter) tended to be the most controversial of all the comments," said James Tidwell, chair of the CUPB executive committee.

Tidwell said the civil service members are concerned the civil service system will be eliminated.

"I think that has been misconstrued," Tidwell said. "I think the idea was that the civil service system needs to be changed somewhat."

He also said the council can not make any changes to the civil service system.

"Any change in the civil service system would have to be approved by the state legislature," Tidwell said.

Hitch said objective eight was one of many changes to the strategic plan from the original 1993 draft.

"There were a large number of things that were added and changed," Hitch said. "It was almost a start over from scratch."

Tidwell said objective eight either will be revised or eliminated during the revision of the strategic plan.

"There is no question about it," Tidwell said. "I'm sure it will be."

The subcommittee will revise the November draft of the strategic plan based on the faculty and staff responses. They then will submit the revised draft to the council this month. The final draft of the strategic plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval in October.

in Eastern Illinois at the Miss Illinois Pageant. Should she win there, she would then compete in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City in September.

Proceeds from the ticket sales of the performance go to the Eastern Illinois Scholarship Association.

"The goal for Delta Chi is, in the next 10 years, to be able to raise a full semester of scholarship money for the winner," said Jeff Cozzo, executive director for the event.

"It was such a great opportunity for young women," Cozzo said.

These potential candidates include Saline County Democratic Chair Robert Wilson and state Rep. Charles Hartke, D-Teutopolis.

"It will be hard to pick one out of the bunch," Crowder said.

Poshard, D-Marion, announced during his campaign in 1996 that this would be his last term as a U.S. Rep. because of a self-imposed term limit. On March 10 Poshard announced that he would run for governor.

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LGBAU kicks off awareness week with panel discussion

By TRACY BROWN
Activities editor

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Allies Union Awareness Week will kick off with a panel discussion on gay marriages in today's societies.

The panel will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The panel discussion tonight titled "Gay Marriages," will give a brief introduction of the kind of issues that homosexuals and lesbians face.

Aaron Gerlach, president of LGBAU, said gays and lesbians are not as accepted by society in the same way heterosexuals are and therefore are more cautious at work and with friends of who they tell of their sexuality.

"Gays and lesbians have a problem of it not being sociably accepted to hold hands in public," said Gerlach. "There is a coming out process at work and with friends and it is a struggle to not say something that could offend someone."

LGBAU Awareness Week will be held Monday through Friday and will include such activities as a movie night, a bowling night and a lecture titled "Being a Gay Parent."

The purpose of the sixth annual LGBAU Awareness Week is to increase the visibility of gay and lesbian students on campus.

"This week is meant to promote an understanding of gay families," Gerlach said.

He said in the state of Illinois it is not illegal for employees to be fired because they are gay.

"Gays are often fired from jobs because of their sexuality," Gerlach said. "Landlords can also find out if a person is gay and kick them out of their home."

The panel will also discuss the differences and similarities between heterosexuals, gays and lesbians.

"Students will be able to better understand the relationships between gays and lesbians and will better be able to understand the kind of issues they face," Gerlach said.

The members of panel discussion are Gerlach, Eric Anderson, a graduate with a bachelor's degree in English with a teacher's certification, Christina Hardin, sophomore communications disorders major, and Karina Elmoznino, a graduate with a degree in psychology.

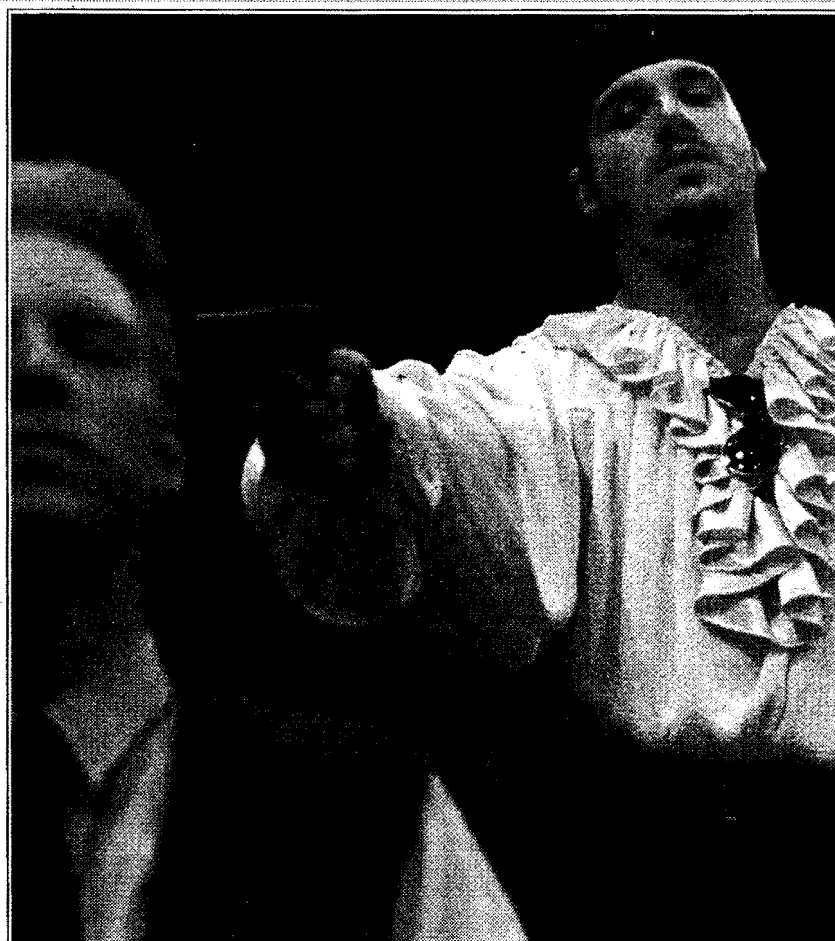
The format of the panel will be the same as the other educational formats that LGBAU typically has with a long question and answer session, said Gerlach.

The events scheduled for this week include:

■ A mother will share how having a homosexual son has changed her life at 7 p.m. Wednesday, in the Effingham Room of the Union Union.

■ The movie "Bound" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 122 of Lumpkin Hall.

■ Students and faculty can bowl with LGBAU members Friday in the MLK Union. The time will be announced later this week.



IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Blown Away

Alonso Balderas, senior theatre art major, points a gun at Jason Arnold's head while acting in a rehearsal of the play, "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground," Friday evening in the studio of the Fine Arts Building.

Election petitions still available

By MATT ADRIAN
Student Government editor

Students interested in running in the spring Student Government elections can still pick up applications at the Student Activities Center in room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The petitions must be turned in by April 8 in the Student Activities Center.

John Petrenko, head of the elections commission, said 16 seats are open in the Student Senate for the spring election. Six seats are open for the on-campus senate positions, four seats for off-campus and six seats for at-large senate positions.

Five executive positions also will be available for

the spring election. Student body president and Vice Presidents for Public Affairs, Academic Affairs, Financial Affairs and Student Affairs.

Students interested in running for an executive position or a Student Senate seat must have at least a 2.25 grade point average.

Candidates running for a senate position must get 25 signatures from students, and people running for executive positions must get 100 signatures.

Students running for on-campus senate positions must get signatures from students living in the residence halls, including University Apartments. Off-campus candidates can get signatures from students living off campus, and at-large candidates can get signatures from any student regardless of where they live.

Corrections

An article in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported that Journalism Department Chair Les Hyder was seated as the temporary chair of the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting Thursday.

Hyder was appointed to the honors council, and the temporary CAA chair will be Jill Owens.

The News also incorrectly reported that the Residence Hall Association allocated \$25 to the Illinois Residence Hall Association to sponsor an upcoming concert featuring Eastern bands.

RHA members Ira Klusendors, Art Munin and John Rodman contributed the money and not the RHA.

The News regrets the errors.

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Do not disregard Counseling Center Task Force's work

In light of recent research on the Counseling Center, the University College proposal needs more work. When the proposal goes before the President's Council for discussion and final approval next week, the council should hand the incomplete report back to the University College Task Force.

In answer to controversy about the Counseling Center's inclusion in the University College, the Faculty Senate created a task force of its own last October to take a more in-depth look at the issue.

What this task force has now reported should coerce the President's Council to raise an eyebrow: The Counseling Center should not be a part of the University College at all.

The problem, however, is that this very educated, critical assessment may have arisen too late. The University College Task Force gathered feedback from the campus for nearly a year before submitting its final proposal more than a month ago. And the Counseling Center is included in this proposal.

Theoretically, the President's Council could ignore the Counseling Center Task Force's report and send the proposal to the Faculty Senate. But the Faculty Senate is not supposed to disregard the Counseling Center Task Force's work.

Because the Counseling Center Task Force answers to the Faculty Senate, the senate has to make recommendations to make it official. On Tuesday, the senate is set to vote on seven Counseling Center recommendations. This absolutely must be done this week. Counseling Center autonomy is rapidly nearing hopelessness.

Once the President's Council sends the proposal back, revision would be swift because Charles Evans, the University College Task Force chair, was a member of the Counseling Center Task Force. Evans is well informed on the conflicting conclusions of the two task forces.

There is still time to correct the University College proposal. In heeding the advice of the Counseling Center Task Force, the President's Council would be taking advantage of a more thorough study. The research may be tardy, but the work is important enough to postpone the University College.

“today's quote

I'll not listen to reason ... Reason
always means what someone else
has to say.

—Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell

Recalling Oklahoma City bombing's impact

The wait is finally over. After almost two years, the trial of Timothy McVeigh, the man accused of building and detonating the bomb that blew up the Oklahoma City federal building, has begun.

Labeled as the latest “trial of the century,” I hope it doesn't follow in the path of its most recent predecessor.

All precautions seem to have been taken to keep this trial from turning into the fiasco of the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

Judge Richard Matsch is presiding over the trial and is keeping a tight rein on his courtroom, making sure it remains professional.

Matsch's courtroom in Denver's Byron G. Rogers Federal Building has been renovated to make sure the focus of this non-televized trial remains the trial, according to an article in the *Chicago Tribune* on March 31.

But the American public following the trial must remember exactly what is at stake here and how it felt two years ago.

The past two years may have softened the images of that frightful day, but they should not soften the emotions. Two years is a long time, and spectators of the trial need to remember the raw emotions of that day.

This single act of violence has been labeled “the worst terrorist act on American soil,” and now the man charged with the responsibility for it all is awaiting his fate.

Beginning last Monday lawyers began the tedious process of choosing 12 jurors and six alternates.

In an Associated Press article in the *Charleston Times-Courier* on April 1, one prospective juror said she felt sorry for McVeigh — sorry he has wasted his life.



KATIE VANA
Regular columnist

“I guarantee that on April 19, 1995, no one was feeling the least bit sorry for McVeigh.”

Now is not the time to have any pity for a man who may have been capable of such an act of cold-hearted violence. Now is the time to remember that day and be sorry for 168 people who lost their lives and the hundreds who were injured.

Because it has been over two years since the bombing occurred, the images of that day should not be lost to those following the trial.

I guarantee that on April 19, 1995, no one was feeling the least bit sorry for McVeigh. Not the parents who lost their babies, not the children who lost their parents, not the families that lost their loved ones and definitely not the rescue workers who courageously pulled broken bodies from the rubbish for weeks following the bombing.

Now these same people, the survivors and the families of those not so fortunate, are going to have to relive the pain and heartache in the coming months.

They are anxiously awaiting the arrival of opening statements, set to begin as soon as the jury is chosen. Some will be in Denver testifying, others will be in Oklahoma City, watching the court proceedings on a 12-by-26-foot screen in a closed-circuit telecast.

If anyone deserves to be felt sorry for it is these individuals. Every day they have to feel the loss caused by an explosion McVeigh is charged with creating.

At the end of the trial, if found guilty and convicted, McVeigh may have the rest of his life to think about the amount of pain and suffering he has caused. Even then, I don't think I'll feel sorry for him because, unlike 168 others, some of whom were too young to know what a bomb was, he'll still have his life, as sorry as it may be.

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Jeffrey Varchmin — no one cares about your whining food criticism

Dear editor:

I, for one, think I've read about all I can stand to read about Jeffrey Varchmin's eating habits.

In *The Daily Eastern News* two weeks ago, four issues in a row had letters to the editor written by Mr. Varchmin that are, at best, failed attempts to be a humorous food critic.

I'm sorry, Jeff, but no people in their right minds would care what you think of food service or local pizza places (or anything else for that matter). If you don't like the food here, don't eat it. Make a sandwich or soup, or order a pizza. (I hear Jerry's is good enough to stain your sheets for.) You've only got one month until you'll be finished eating in food service, so there's no need to complain about it every day, especially in a public forum like the student newspaper. I don't think anyone cares anymore, Jeff (assuming anyone cared in the first place). And please, don't find something else to whine about. If you hate it here so much, transfer. Go get on another student body's nerves.

Wayne Clark
junior mathematics major

your turn

Food service basher's vocabulary, sarcasm rival that of 12-year-old

Dear editor:

I am writing in response to the ridiculous number of letters recently submitted by Jeffrey Varchmin. Although I am an employee of University Housing and I fully agree with Lana Smith's April 1 letter in support of Dining Services, I am not writing this letter to make Dining Services appear to be some five-star restaurant.

My problem is with Mr. Varchmin and his belief that it is his duty to add poor sarcasm to my breakfast reading with his letters of complaint.

Mr. Varchmin, do you lead such a dull boring life that you have nothing better to do than sit down every night and write a letter whining about how dining-service food makes your little tummy hurt?

I've been especially impressed with your vocabulary including such words as “slop” and “puke” My 12-year-old cousin likes to use those words, too.

I'm embarrassed to think that I actually go to school with people with your level of thinking. If you truly believe dining service food is that bad and being the poster boy for Jerry's Pizza continues to be your life's goal, then call Mommy and Daddy tonight and tell them you want a place of your own. If not, quit your whining and take some time to appreciate what is provided for you.

Tim Lybarger
junior history major

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Student dean applications available

By MATT ADRIAN
Student Government editor

Students interested in running for student dean positions can pick up applications in the Student Activities Center in room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

There are five student dean positions open for each of the colleges on campus, including the Graduate School. Kim Harris, student vice president for academic affairs, said student deans act as the voice for students in the various colleges, and work with the student vice-president for academic affairs to address issues affecting students.

Petitions must be turned in by 4 p.m. on April

10 to the Student Activities Center.

Candidates must have at least a 2.25 grade point average and be a full-time student, Harris said.

The candidates must also get 25 student signatures, and they do not need to be from the college the candidate is running for, she said.

In the past, student dean elections were held during the fall, but the Student Senate recently voted to move the election to the spring semester.

Harris said the student deans wanted to move the elections to the spring because it would give the newly elected deans a better chance to start on the next academic year, and to make the elections more visible to the student body.

Campus asked to get on the phone

Students and faculty are encouraged to call 9 then 711 in order to test out the new 911 system this week.

Calls will be answered by emergency operators to verify the location and telephone number of the caller. Callers may receive a busy signal because of the amount of calls being placed.

"The testing is to make sure that there isn't any problems with the connection to 911 and to verify the address and phone number of the caller," said Jack Abrams, 911 systems coordinator.

When the 911 system is available later this month, callers will not have to dial a 9 before dialing 911, he said.

The system can take up to five calls at once and three to four operators will be working to take the

calls this week, Abrams said.

A phone only has to be tested once. "We're trying to get as many tests as possible," he said.

The 9-711 calling is part of a six week testing period required by the state.

Abrams said testing in the Charleston area is finished. Oakland and GTE customers are still left to be tested. "That's only about 500 or 600 people," Abrams said.

The schedule for calling is as follows:
Last names beginning with:

- A-D 6 a.m. to midnight Monday
- E-J 6 a.m. to midnight Tuesday
- K-N 6 a.m. to midnight Wednesday
- O-S 6 a.m. to midnight Thursday
- T-Z 6 a.m. to midnight Friday

Astronauts to return earlier than planned

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts will return to Earth on Tuesday, 12 days earlier than planned, because of a deteriorating and potentially explosive power generator.

It is only the third time in space shuttle history that a mission has been cut short by equipment failure.

While NASA considered commander James Halsell Jr. and his crew to be in no immediate danger, shuttle managers did not want to take any chances with the generator and, on Sunday, cut short the 16-day science mission.

"The conservative thing to do is land on Tuesday," shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway announced at a hastily arranged news conference.

Holloway said a Monday landing was ruled out in

order to allow for an orderly return, and because Columbia's two other electricity-producing fuel cells were working fine.

The fear was that hydrogen fuel and oxygen in the degraded generator could mix, overheat and blow up if voltage in the unit dropped far enough. Flight controllers had the astronauts turn off the unit Sunday to reduce, if not eliminate, that risk.

The crew also shut down all non-critical equipment to conserve power.

"Our plans would be to manage this fuel cell in a way that's not a threat to crew safety and, indeed, we are extremely confident in the two remaining fuel cells and their ability to support an orderly and methodical preparation for landing, and landing," Holloway said.

Win a chance to spend a day with Pres. Jorns

Any student on campus today can sign up for a chance to spend a day with Eastern President David Jorns.

Students can sign up in the Student Activities Center in room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A winner will be selected at the Student Senate meeting on April 16. All names must be entered before 4:00 p.m. on April 16 in the Student Activities Center.

The winner will spend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 23 with President Jorns by attending a President's Council meeting and any other activities Jorns attends on campus.

President's Council is a group

made up of Jorns, Terry Weidner, vice presidents for academic affairs; Morgan Olsen, vice president for business affairs; Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs and Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president. The council reviews campus policy issues, personnel issues and general operating procedures for the campus, Nilsen said.

Student Senate member Jennifer Daulby said she hopes the event will get students more involved with Student Government and the university's administration. Daulby said she hopes to get the forms into residence halls along with an envelope, where the slips can be deposited.

New buses to control Chicago traffic lights

CHICAGO (AP) - Drivers dream of being able to hold ... that ... green light ... for just a few more seconds until they can get through the intersection.

Soon some Chicago-area buses will be equipped to do just that.

Next month, a special group of public buses equipped with transponders to keep lights green longer will be tested on some West Side bus routes to see if the transponders can help speed the buses along their routes.

"One of the reasons people drive cars is because they are quicker," said Joseph Dijon, executive director of Pace, one of the public transit systems involved in the experiment.

"If all of a sudden the transit

bus became quicker and more competitive to the automobile, we think that will attract riders to the system." The problem is that by the time most buses go through a green light and make their next stop, the light at that corner is turning red just as they are ready to pull out.

The hockey-puck sized transponders send low-frequency radio signals to detection loops buried in the pavement. The loops measure traffic flow and communicate by buried cable with the traffic signal.

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Chris DeFosset, a Mattoon resident, fishes for trout Sunday afternoon at the campus pond.

Eight students to present art forms

By ALICE HOSTY
Staff writer

Eight graduate students will present various art forms in the 1997 Graduate Arts Exhibition.

The exhibit will be displayed until April 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays at the Tarble Arts Center.

The art exhibit will include paintings, mixed media sculptures, fine metal forms, woven garments and welded sculptures.

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, said the exhibition is a group thesis show for eight students who are currently pursuing a master's degree in studio art.

Each student has a written-purpose statement which will be posted with their exhibit, Watts said.

"Each student has a committee of three faculty members that have aided them all year in develop-

ing the body of work and selecting the pieces to be shown, Watts said.

The eight students in this year's exhibition are John Anderson, who will display landscape paintings; Michael Babcock will show abstract oil paintings; Kelly Price also will present oil dreamscape paintings; Tara Bartolomucci will exhibit woven garments symbolic of each of the four basic elements of fire, water, earth and air; Michael Wsol also will display the human form in mixed media sculpture; Dylan Ethan Collins will utilize energy and the human body in motion in welded sculptures; Kyle LaFever will emphasize on the human figure made from objects in welded sculptures and Daniel Trutter, who will use natural object and semi-precious stone in the casting of fine metal forms.

The exhibition, sponsored by membership contributions from the Tarble Arts Center and the Illinois Art Council, is free and open to the public.

Workshop to help alleviate anxiety

Two faculty members today will help students to overcome performance anxiety.

W. Parker Melvin, assistant professor of music, and Michele A. Melvin, a counselor from the Counseling Center, will be presenting "Performance Anxiety" at 7 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"We will be presenting information on the characteristics and causes of performance anxiety," said Michele Melvin.

She said that performance anxiety is one of the most common anxieties in the world and inhibits

people from doing their best.

"People can not do their best when they are afraid of performing in front of others," said Michele Melvin.

The seminar will cover the 12 different areas of coping strategies and will do demonstrations covering these areas, she said.

The seminar will help in such careers as sports, music, theater, speech and test taking, said W. Parker Melvin.

Michele Melvin said, "Our hope is to improve students in all performances and to overcome everything from major to minor anxiety."

Counseling Center's fate to be determined

By CHAD GALLAGHER
Staff writer

The Faculty Senate Tuesday is expected to approve or alter the recommendations made by the Counseling Center Task Force, including whether the center should be a facet of the proposed University College.

The senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the former BOG Room in Booth Library.

At last week's senate meeting, members highlighted seven suggestions within the task force report and then decided to table the report until Tuesday to review the 15-page document and gather faculty input.

Senate member Gary Foster said faculty reaction to the report has been mixed, mostly because there are several different suggestions within the report.

"The (faculty) views are mixed because people feel differently about certain parts of the report," Foster said.

"Distinguishing seven differ-

ent recommendations within the report was the right decision because many issues are unrelated."

The seven recommendations pending senate approval include:

■ Return to emphasizing direct counseling for students rather than the recent tendency to emphasize career counseling/study skills.

■ Hire a part-time psychiatrist to evaluate patient case severity.

■ Limit to students the total number of center visits at eight per semester with some flexibility.

■ Allow the center to remain autonomous and suggest it not be a facet of the proposed University College.

■ Keep the center as an academic unit.

■ Employ three Ph.D level staff with faculty status and three staff as Academic Support Professionals.

■ Continue faculty status among half of the center's full-time employees.

Yoga classes offered to relieve daily stress

By TRACY BROWN
Activities editor

Students and faculty members can start to relieve stress and anxiety by participating in yoga classes beginning tonight.

S.K. Dey, a professor in the mathematics department, will start classes at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight in the Sullivan Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Dey said the purpose of the class is for people to overcome physical and psychological problems in their lives.

"I knew a lot of people were having problems such as allergies,

falling asleep during the day and sinuses," Dey said. "I thought it would be nice to teach yoga and relieve these problems."

Dey taught yoga classes in 1995 at Eastern, and was recently asked to give classes in Champaign.

People, who participate in yoga, will experience relief from asthma, back aches, colds, headaches, hypertension, sinus problems and sleeping disorders.

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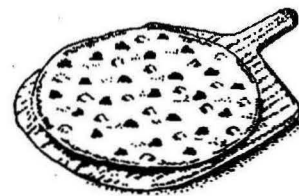
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Time change causes bar brawls

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Nearly 50 people were arrested after two disturbances in this Ohio University town early Sunday, one of them involving a brawl between two fraternities, police said.

The biggest confrontation involved about 1,000 people gathered in the center of the city outside bars that cater to university students, police Chief Richard Mayer said.

When the bars closed at 2 a.m., people in the crowd began throwing bottles, eggs, road flares and bottle rockets. One officer was hit by a bottle.

Police said an earlier closing because of the change to daylight-saving time may have contributed to the problem.

One student said he was struck by police.

"After about an hour and 45 minutes they brought out tear gas and clubs," senior Jay Kulpa told WBNS-TV in Columbus. "I happened to be one of the people who got clubbed." Police communications officer James Mann said officers used batons only to push people back and did not use tear gas.

About 70 officers were sent to the scene of the 2-hour melee.

They fired four rounds of stinging wooden pellets, the police department said.

The other disturbance, about an hour before the bars closed, involved up to 30 members of the Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Kappa Tau fraternities fighting outside a bar, police said.

At least three people were injured and one required hospital treatment, authorities said.

Thirty-four of the 47 people arrested were Ohio University students. Most of those arrested were charged with disorderly conduct. All were released, police said.

Attorney charged with blocking federal probe

EAST ST. LOUIS (AP) — Belleville attorney Amiel Cueto, a major Democratic fundraiser and lifelong friend of U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, faces trial this week on charges that he tried to cripple the federal investigation of a gambling kingpin.

Cueto has fiercely attacked prosecutors in court and in his own tabloid newspaper, but has suffered a series of legal setbacks.

They culminated in the March 24 guilty plea of racketeer Thomas Venezia, the man Cueto is accused of trying to help.

Venezia not only agreed to testify against Cueto in his trial on April 7, he provided a 33-page account of their legal and business dealings since 1988. Between then and 1994, Venezia's schemes grossed almost \$37 million, and Venezia says Cueto shared in the profits and hatched a plan to keep prosecutors from bringing down the enterprise.

Cueto has always denied the federal charges against him and

predicted that he would be vindicated at trial. He has argued that some of the charges against him stem from acts that are proper in his role as a lawyer for Venezia, or for exercising his First Amendment right to criticize the government in his newspaper.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday, and could take up to a week.

A former police officer in St. Louis, Cueto has spent years building a reputation as an aggressive and successful lawyer in the Metro East area and as a major contributor to the Democratic Party.

Part of his clout came from his friendship with Costello, D-Belleville. Their relationship has repeatedly put Costello on the defensive.

Costello has regularly denied newspaper reports identifying him as the unnamed business partner and public official described in the federal indictment as trying to help set up a deal for an Indian casino and get

Reno to call for fund raising check

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading Republican said Sunday that Attorney General Janet Reno will have no choice but to request an independent counsel to investigate allegations about Democratic fund-raising wrongdoing.

"I think the case is overwhelming that she should," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Jamie Gorelick, who left the Justice Department's No. 2 position last week, declined to say which way Reno is leaning, but she professed confidence in the careful deliberations on the legal issues involved.

"Let the career prosecutors who handle these cases day in and day out handle this one just as it should be

done," Gorelick said on ABC's "This Week." "This is a job for the Justice Department."

It is being handled in absolutely the right way." The career prosecutors will recommend to Reno whether an independent counsel is needed, she said.

Republicans who have been demanding an independent counsel for weeks have suggested that Reno is reluctant to ask a court to appoint one because of a desire to protect President Clinton. There have been allegations of improper donations by foreigners, among others.

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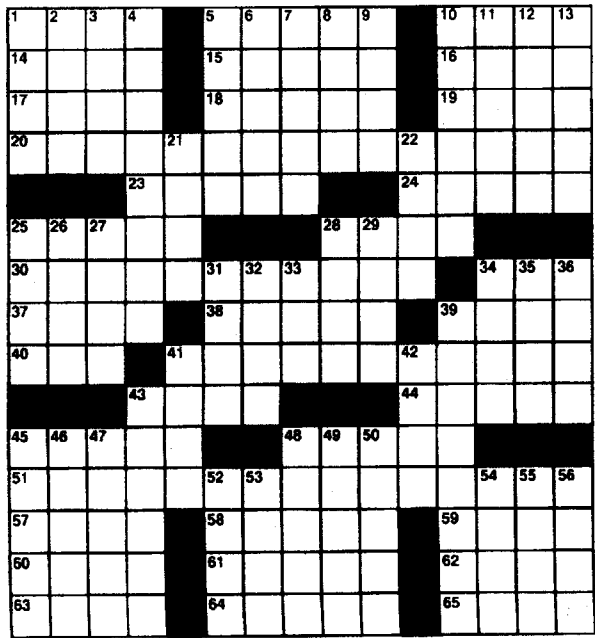
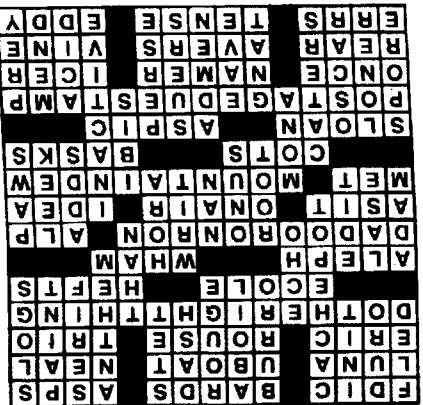
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Hawks boost playoff hopes with Chelios' wrist shot

Blackhawks 2, Flames 1

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Chris Chelios scored the game-winner with 7:57 left, and the Chicago Blackhawks strengthened their NHL playoff prospects with a 2-1 victory Sunday over the Calgary Flames.

On a harmless looking play, Chelios lofted a wrist shot from the blue-line that went through a maze of legs and sticks in front of the net and beat goaltender Trevor Kidd.

With three games remaining for each team, Chicago moved four points ahead of Calgary in the battle for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Ethan Moreau scored the other Chicago goal in a physical and intense game.

Jeff Hackett turned in a stellar performance in goal making 33 saves as the Blackhawks improved to 8-2-1 in their last 11 visits to Calgary.

Devils 2, Blues 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rookie goalie Mike Dunham was perfect on Martin Brodeur's day off and Jay Pandolfo scored a late goal as the New Jersey Devils beat the St. Louis Blues 2-0 on Sunday night.

The Devils have won five in a row, and four of them have been shutouts.

Brodeur has shutouts in his last three starts, and Dunham stopped 27 shots for the second of his career. During the win-

ning streak, the Devils, who got off only 19 shots, have given up only two goals.

Pandolfo broke up a scoreless duel at 13:34 with his fourth goal in 42 games. Left alone near the net, he redirected a shot from the boards from Denis Pederson past Grant Fuhr.

John MacLean wrapped it up with an empty-net goal with 16 seconds left.

The Eastern Conference leaders have 101 points.

SOFTBALL

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was an ugly inning for us defensively.

Eastern drew first blood in the bottom of the first when freshman Melissa Slama knocked in Cherveny.

Middle Tennessee came back in the second scoring two runs on a shot by senior Charlotte Peay to take the lead.

Skerski laid down an RBI bunt to score Cherveny in the sixth tying the game at two.

Middle Tennessee's Jaclyn Story started the game and went the distance, pitching 10 innings in the loss.

Kim Schutte started for the Lady Panthers, going six innings, allowing six hits and two runs while picking up the win. Sara DeLeare worked four innings and got the save.

The first game was not as close.

The Lady Panthers jumped on Story, who gave up 11 runs in two-thirds of an inning before being relieved.

The Lady Panthers batted around in the first. Cherveny scored the first run of the game when a bunt by Skerski was mis-played, and the throw was sent over the first baseman's head. An error by the third baseman allowed Starkey to load the bases.

Slama brought in Noll and Skerski with a single. Following a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Amy Kukman, Schutte stepped to the plate and singled in Starkey. Slama came home on a double steal. A single by Fonda reloaded the bases for the Lady Panthers.

Noll drew her second walk of the inning to bring in Schutte. Another error by the Lady Raiders brought in freshman Tricia Hupp

to score and yet another error scored Noll and Fonda.

Slama collected her third and fourth RBI of the inning by doubling in Skerski and Starkey.

The Lady Panthers added another five runs in the next four innings. The game was ended after the top of the fifth due to the slaughter rule.

Panther pitcher Mandy White worked five innings giving up just four hits and two runs, one earned.

Story worked two-thirds of an inning for the Lady Raiders. She was charged with 11 runs, but only three were earned. Story has pitched in all of Middle Tennessee's games this season.

Eastern started the weekend by hosting Austin Peay Saturday. The Lady Panthers won the first game 8-0. They were trailing 3-2 in the third inning of the second game

when the game was called due to rain.

Eastern scored three runs in the second and added another five in the fourth. Austin Peay failed to score and the game was called after the top of the fifth.

Mandy White took the mound for the Eastern in the first game against the Lady Govs. She worked five innings and gave up only one hit on her way to the shut out. She fanned four batters.

Vicki Phillips picked up the loss for Austin Peay. Phillips struck out three but allowed eight hits and eight runs, five earned.

Fox said the teams performance could have been better, despite the margin of victory.

"As a coach, we win eight to nothing, I'm still going to have a complaint," Fox said. "We did not really hit well, there were a lot of

walks and a lot of errors by them. Overall we played real well."

Fox believes the team improved its communication in the win over Austin Peay.

"I think we played together as a team today," Fox said. "I think we communicated well on the field. We were all in the game. I really thought we played together today, and that's something we don't always do."

Eastern will continue its long home stand by hosting the Lady Tigers of Tennessee State at 3 p.m. Monday at Williams Field.

With the weekend sweeps, the Lady Panthers took a mark of 18-12 overall and 7-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Lady Tigers were sitting at last place going into this weekend with a record of 3-17 overall, 1-9 in the conference.

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Ex-Cub Navarro strikes out 11 as White Sox beat Tigers

White Sox 5, Tigers 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Jaime Navarro struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings, getting his first AL victory since 1994 and leading the Chicago White Sox over the Detroit Tigers 5-3 Sunday.

Tony Phillips and Chris Snipek homered for the White Sox, who had lost the Tigers in their first two home games of the season.

Navarro (1-0), who left the Cubs to sign with the White Sox as a free agent, allowed five singles and walked two on another blustery day at Comiskey Park. The wind, gusting at 43 mph as the game started, ripped a giant banner off the huge scoreboard in center field and caused a seven-minute delay in the top of the third.

Detroit, which won the first two games of the series 8-7 and 15-12, got a two-run homer from Melvin Nieves off Al Levine in the eighth. Robert Hernandez pitched the ninth for his second save, allowing a sacrifice fly to Damion Easley.

Phillips hit his 25th career leadoff

homer, tying him with Brian Downing for seventh on the career list. Frank Thomas walked and Albert Belle's wind-whipped fly ball to right fell for a single.

Harold Baines and Ray Durham then had RBI singles to put Chicago ahead 3-0. Tony Pena's sacrifice fly off Doug Brocail (0-1) made it 4-0 in the third, and Snipek hit his first homer in the fifth.

For the second straight day, debris swept across the field while wind gusts knocked hats off both fans and players and made fly balls and popups an adventure.

Astros 3, Cardinals 2

HOUSTON (AP) — The NL Central champion St. Louis Cardinals stumbled to their worst start in 106 seasons, losing 3-2 Sunday to the Houston Astros on pinch-hitter Jeff Bagwell's two-run double in the eighth inning.

The Cardinals sunk to 0-6, joining the Chicago Cubs as the only winless teams in the majors. St. Louis had lost its first five games in four previous seasons.

Ray Montgomery led off the Houston eighth by reaching on shortstop Royce Clayton's throwing error. Two outs later, John Frascatore (0-1) walked Bill Spiers.

Bagwell, batting for Tim Lincecum, hit a double into the left-field corner for a 3-2 lead. It was the second time in three games that Bagwell had driven home the go-ahead run in the Astros' last at-bat.

Tom Martin (1-0) earned the victory by pitching a scoreless eighth. Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his third save.

The Cardinals took a 2-1 lead in the seventh when pitcher Todd Stottlemyre scored on Ron Gant's double.

Stottlemyre singled to start the seventh and moved up on Roberto Mejia's sacrifice before Gant's hit.

Stottlemyre pitched 6 2-3 innings, giving up five hits. He struck out six.

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Pat Listach was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Thomas Howard's double.

Braves 11, Cubs 5

ATLANTA (AP) — Javy Lopez hit a two-run homer and equaled his career high with four RBIs as the Atlanta Braves defeated the Chicago Cubs 11-5 Sunday, completing a game suspended the previous night because of rain.

The loss was the Cubs fifth straight to open the season, their worst start since going 0-6 in 1983. Atlanta won its third in a row.

The Braves led Saturday night's game 8-5 when the umpires halted play in the bottom of the seventh after nearly four hours of rain.

The stoppage came at 12:54 a.m. under a National League rule that calls for an automatic suspension when a game is delayed by weather conditions after 12:45 a.m.

The players got a few hours of sleep before returning to the ballpark to resume the game at the point where it was stopped. The Braves had runners on first and second with one out in the seventh with Michael

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Indians going 2 for 2 while driving in two runs. Freshman first baseman Darin Kinsolving went 1 for 3 while driving in two RBI.

Indian freshman Lanson Debrock took the victory, going 5 1/3 innings while giving up one run on six hits and striking out four and walking three.

The Indians (11-18 overall, 6-6 in the OVC) also won the first game of the double header 8-4. Southeast Missouri scored five runs in the second inning, and the Panthers could not recover.

The Panthers got as close as 5-4, but the Indians scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to put the game away.

Junior third baseman Mark Smith went 2 for 3 while senior catcher Nolan Lofgren went 2 for 4 while driving in one run. Stone and Mikes also added one run batted in the loss.

All of the Indians runs were brought in by two players. The Indians were led by freshman centerfielder Jeremy Johnson who went 2 for 4 while driving in five RBI, and sophomore catcher Brad Hoehmer who went 2 for 3 and drove in three runs.

Junior Randy Eversgerd took the loss, dropping his season record to 1-5. In 5 2/3 innings pitched he gave up eight runs on eight hits while walking two and striking out none.

Indian senior Dave Siboda improved his record to 2-4, pitching 4 2/3 innings and giving up four runs on six hits while walking three and striking out three.

Southeast Missouri used the strength of a seven-run fourth inning to defeat the Panthers 11-10 in the game on Saturday.

Eastern had an 8-3 lead going into the fourth inning, but the Indians came out of the fourth inning with a 10-8 lead. Eastern came back with two runs in the top of the eighth to cut the Indian lead to 11-10, but could not generate anything in the ninth.

Freshman John Larson took the loss for the Panthers, pitching 1 1/3 innings, giving up four runs on five hits while striking out none and walking none.

Freshman Brian Prina started the game for the Panthers, pitching 3 2/3 innings giving up

seven runs on five hits while walking four and striking out five.

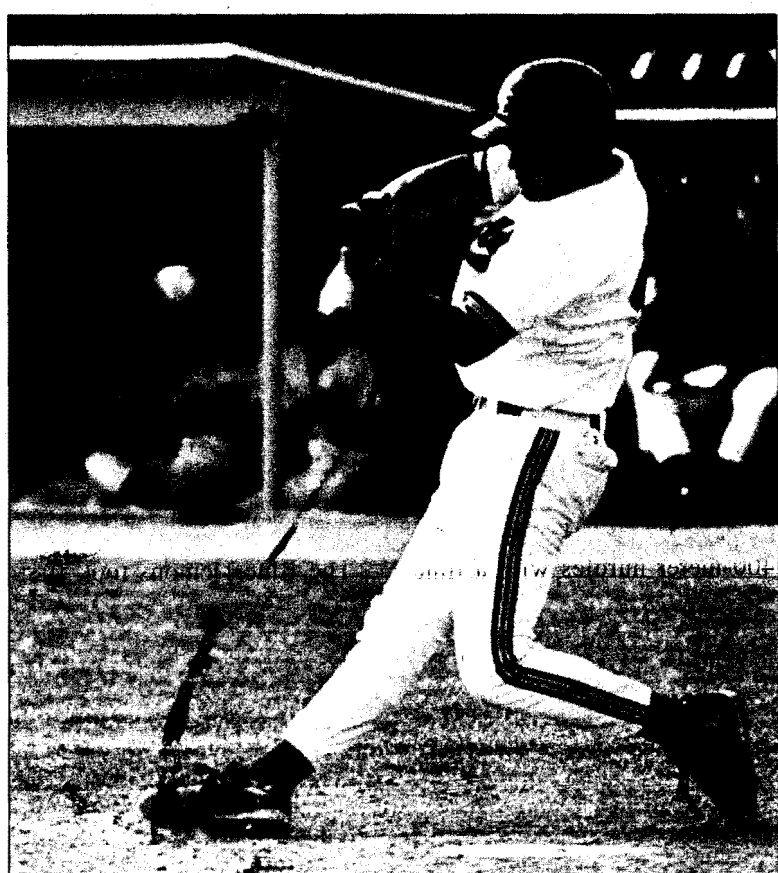
"Everything is going wrong right now and we just have to come back tomorrow and start preparing for the next game," Schmitz said. "Right now we're just dialing up wrong numbers but I'm confident things will start going our way eventually."

Indian senior Troy Pehle got the victory pitching five innings and giving up three runs on five hits while walking one and striking out three.

Stone led the Panthers going 2 for 4 and driving in three runs. Mikes went 1 for 3 while getting three runs batted in and junior designated hitter Josh Zink went 2 for 5 while driving in two runs.

Senior catcher Mike Miller led the Indians, going 3 for 3 and driving in four runs. Junior designated hitter Brian Pepper added three RBI in the victory.

Of the 12 Indian hits, four of them were homers while Benhoff, Stone and Zink both homered for the Panthers. Benhoff's homer was his third of the year.



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Panther first baseman Doug Zywiec makes contact at a game earlier this season.

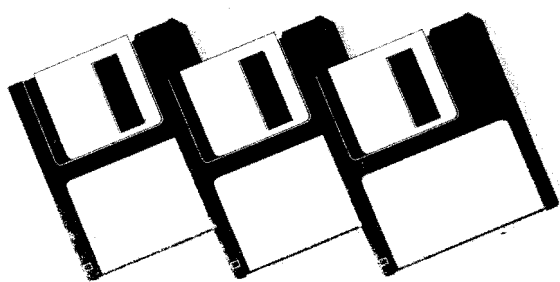
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Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Kent Cooke, the flamboyant sports entrepreneur who entertained celebrities from presidents on down in his Washington Redskins box, died Sunday. He was 84.

The NFL owner was pronounced dead shortly after noon, with cardiac arrest the apparent cause, said Merle Goldberg, spokeswoman for George Washington University Hospital. Cooke entered the hospital Sunday morning after complaining of chest pains.

For Cooke, image was nothing — success was everything. And during his 23 years as majority owner of the Redskins his team won three Super Bowl titles.

"Nobody's going to write a book about me (50 years from now)," Cooke told The Associated Press in the spring of 1995, "because nobody's going to find anything worth writing a book about." It was that mindset that helped Cooke brush aside those who raised eyebrows over his scandal-sheet personal life or his abrasive public persona in pursuit of becoming one of the most successful sports team owners in modern American history.

Born Oct. 25, 1912, in Hamilton, Ontario, Cooke sold encyclopedias during the Depression before making his fortune in radio and television companies, real estate and newspaper publishing.

His net worth when he died was estimated at \$825 million, earning him the 170th spot on the most recent Forbes Magazine's 400 Richest Americans List.

He became majority owner of the Redskins in 1974 and took over day-to-day operation of the Redskins from Edward Bennett Williams in 1980 and began a dogged — and hugely successful — pursuit toward making the Redskins a perennial NFL powerhouse.

Cooke's first venture into sports came in 1951, when he purchased baseball's Toronto Maple Leafs in the AAA International league. That paved the way eventually for the city's promotion to major

league status with arrival of the Blue Jays in 1977.

Cooke next made his mark in Los Angeles, where he purchased basketball's Lakers and hockey's Kings and built them the ultimate showplace, the Forum, in 1967. He also owned a horse breeding farm in Lexington, Ky.

Cooke's box at RFK was a bipartisan mix of Capitol Hill's finest — from presidents to generals like Colin Powell and much of the U.S. Senate.

His relentless effort to build a winning football team was matched by his determination to build a new stadium for it to play in.

Knicks, Pistons and Hawks: Running from the Bulls

ATLANTA (AP) — Chicago will be the top seed in the NBA's Eastern Conference playoffs, and there's a spirited race to see which team will get to lose to the Bulls in the first round.

The most significant events, however, are occurring in the middle of the pack, where New York, Detroit and Atlanta are battling to avoid a tough first-round matchup and put off a possible meeting with the Bulls as long as possible.

Chicago has locked up another Central Division title and Miami appears headed for the Atlantic Division championship, giving those teams the top seeds in the Eastern playoffs. After that, things get interesting.

New York (53-22) held on to the critical No. 3 seed Saturday night with a 102-97 victory over Atlanta (51-24), which dropped back to the fifth spot behind Detroit. The Pistons (51-23) have a half-game

lead for No. 4 with two weeks left in the regular season.

What does all this mean? The team that ends up third gets a couple of key advantages in the playoffs: home-court advantage in the first round and the chance to delay a meeting with the Bulls until the conference finals.

The No. 4 seed gets home court in the first round, but faces a meeting against the fifth seed in a best-of-5 series. Right now, that would

match the Pistons against the Hawks, meaning one of those teams would be eliminated in the first round — an unfair fate considering they began Sunday's play with the sixth- and seventh-best records in the NBA.

Maybe that's why the Hawks were so downcast after losing to the Knicks, only the fifth defeat at the Omni for Atlanta this season.

With only seven games remaining, the Hawks face an uphill battle

to bring the opening two games of the playoffs to their home court.

"I don't know what to say about it," Dikembe Mutombo said.

"This was a very big test for us, and we just couldn't get anything done down the stretch." The Hawks can take some solace in their remaining games. Atlanta has an easier schedule than the Knicks or the Pistons, providing a glimmer of hope that No. 3 is still within reach.

MEN

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dash with a time of 10.3 seconds.

Ray Helms beat out teammate Joe Riguard in the 110-meter hurdles final, as his time of 14.40 was good for first place.

Riguard finished second in the event (14.6) and also took home a first-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 56.17.

The Panthers' 4-by-400 team finished in first place with time of 41.79, and Tim Thompson's 6-foot, 6-inch leap in the high jump was also good for first.

As for the meet as a whole, Akers said the competition level was high.

"There was some real good competition over the weekend. Everybody ran really well," he said. "DePaul had some strong individual performances and Indianapolis had some really nice athletes competing."

The Blue Demons took first in two events and second in six events.

An overall highlight of the meet was the javelin throw of Tom Pukstys. The record for the javelin throw at O'Brien

Stadium was 231 feet until this weekend. Pukstys recorded a throw of 273 feet 6 inches, breaking the record by more than 40 feet and winning the event by 50 feet exactly.

"The javelin thrower was just a treat for the officials and athletes to see someone of that caliber perform," Akers said. "His throw was 10 feet better than he's ever thrown and it was his first meet of the year."

Akers said the coming week will tell a lot about his team.

"This week we'll find out how we fared in terms of prepa-

ration for conference," he said. "The meet this weekend, especially with the weather conditions, was both mentally draining and physically draining."

After the week of practice, the team heads to Macomb for the Western Illinois Invitational.

"This weekend's meet is going to be a tuneup for the majority of our team and it's their last chance to make a statement before conference," Akers said. "At this time of the year we are right on schedule as far as where we want to be."

TRACK

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leg that began bothering her at the Alabama Relays over spring break, managed to cross the line with a time of 19:31.19.

The women's track team now has just one meet left — at Western Illinois this weekend — before preparations begin for the Ohio Valley Conference meet, which will be held at Eastern April 18 and 19.

"We have to continue to improve on our performances and get set for the conference meet," Craft said. "I just want to see our athletes step up and put on good performances at Western."



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tina Hadin, a sophomore communication disorders major, talks about her life experiences while Karina zinio, a psychology graduate student, listens during a panel discussion titled "Gay Marriages" Monday in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Panel says family, friends don't always accept homosexuality

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the hardest part of being a sexual in today's society is accepted by family members friends, which was the topic of a panel discussion. Forty students listened to the discussion of homosexuality, was part of the Lesbian, Gay, al Allies Union Awareness

would go along with it," he said. "I was taught by my family to hate homosexuals and therefore myself."

Hardin said when her mom found out that she was a lesbian, her mom started crying.

"First she said to me 'How is your sister going to deal with this?' She also told me I was 'going to get AIDS and die,'" Hardin said. "It was a time in my life when I needed my mom the most and she did not support me."

Gerlach said growing up in a small town and having the same twelve kids in class from kindergarten to high school was hard because the town expected everyone to be the same.

"I had a hard time dealing with my friends when they found out that I was a homosexual," Gerlach said.

He said some of his friends did not even understand what being homosexual meant. "One day, I told a girlfriend I was a homosexual and she didn't even know what a homosexual was," he said.

Gerlach said he told another friend and she believed all the stereotypes

she had been told about homosexuals.

"She believed at one time that homosexual males like to match the wallpaper with the carpet," he said.

Elmoznino said she tried having boyfriends in high school because she did not want to be different from the rest of the kids.

"My sister was two years younger than me and she had a boyfriend, so I decided that I had to get a boyfriend, too," she said. "But I wasn't really interested in boys."

Hardin said she also dated boys in high school because she said that was what was expected of her.

"I used to date guys and I even had a long-term relationship with a guy when I was a sophomore," she said. "But that relationship was easy for me because he was a senior and left and went to college so we did not have to see each other."

Hardin and Anderson both said their parents have now learned to accept their homosexuality.

All four panel members say it is still hard to tell new friends and employees about their homosexuality because they are afraid of rejection.

Over In The
Eastern

Sports

'Everything going wrong' for sluggers

By MATT WILSON
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The Panther baseball team gave up a couple of big innings as it was swept in three games against Southeast Missouri, the Ohio Valley Conference's last-place team, this weekend in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"We're in a situation where we can't get the big hit or the big pitch or a big defensive play, and all of those things added up to each one of the losses over the weekend," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said of the weekend. "It's not just one thing that is hurting us right now."

Eastern (10-18 overall, 3-6 in the OVC) lost a 6-5 heartbreaker Sunday in the second game of a double header. The Panthers had a three-run second inning to give them a 4-2 lead after two, but Southeast Missouri came back with two in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game.

After each team scored one run in the sixth, the Indians scored one run in the bottom of the seventh to win.

Eastern pounded out 10 hits in the game, while the Indians had six. The difference was that the Indians had three extra-base hits while Eastern only had one, the seventh double of the year by freshman shortstop David Mikes.

Eastern senior pitcher Mike Sommerfeld took the loss for the Panthers, dropping his record to 0-5 on the season. In two-thirds of an inning pitched, he gave up one run on two hits while striking out one and walking none.

The Panthers had four batters get two hits in the loss. Junior first baseman Clint Benhoff, sophomore centerfielder Sean Lyons and junior second baseman Justin Stone all went 2 for 3, while freshman shortstop David Mikes went 2 for 4.

Senior second baseman LaMonte Collier led the

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Panther Jen Cherveny lunges toward home plate as Eastern slid past Middle Tennessee State twice in Sunday's double header at home.

Softball team takes two from Raiders

By DREW GRANGER
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The Lady Panthers waited until the last minute to pull off a twin-killing of the Lady Raiders of Middle Tennessee State Sunday.

Eastern came away with a 6-5 win in the tenth inning, giving the team a four-game winning streak.

"We've won four in a row," Eastern head coach Stephanie Fox said. "We played well. We're on a little high right now, I think."

The Lady Raiders scored three runs in the top of the tenth to go up 5-2. In the bottom of the inning freshman Kim Schutte was placed on second in accordance with the international tie-breaker

rule and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Freshman Julie Fonda walked to put runners at the corners, and senior Jen Cherveny laid down a bunt and beat out the throw to first, allowing Schutte to score.

Freshman Adrienne Noll brought in Fonda with a double, and Middle Tennessee then issued an intentional walk to senior Jamie Skerski to load the bases. Junior Emily Starkey put the ball in play, but the throw home to catch Cherveny went to the backstop. Noll rounded third and slid in to score the game winning run.

"I sent her, and I hoped she was going on her own," Fox said of Noll's run to home. "I don't even know if she heard

me. Sometimes they don't hear me because everyone was screaming."

The Lady Raiders were sitting pretty with a three-spot in the top of the tenth. With senior Melissa Webb on third and freshman Melanie Manley on first, Middle Tennessee went with a double steal. When Eastern tried to pick off Manley at second Webb crossed home to bring the score to 3-2.

Manley scored on a double by junior Jamie Polsteen. Polsteen would score on a single by junior Perreia Lyons.

"It was frustrating that we killed them the first game, and then came out and almost lost it," Fox said. "It was great to come back and score four runs in the last inning when we gave up three. It

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Track teams remain competitive, endure rain, winds

Men's team snares first in five events; javelin record falls

By JOSH HARBECK
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Piloted by first-place finishes in five events, Eastern's men's track team had a "competitive" effort at the Big Blue Classic Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Men's track head coach Tom Akers said the team competed well, but the weather did hamper some performances.

"We had some competitive efforts from our athletes," he said. "Some performances don't indicate the type of performances our kids had because of the weather, though."

The Classic was the final home meet for the Panthers until the conference meet, and Akers said the team needed to get out and perform.

"The main thing was to get the competition in because the scariest thing is that we only have four meets before the conference meet," he said. "Right now we're searching for rhythm so that we can take that into the conference meet in two weeks."

Among the highlights for the Panthers was Cameron Mabry's first-place finish in the 100-meter



Aundra Williams bursts off the block in the 400-meter run on Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. He placed sixth in the event with a 54-second time.

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Alvarez, Sleezer, Schwartzkopf step up for women

By BRIAN LESTER
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Despite the strong winds and rain showers that swept through the Charleston area over the weekend, women's head track coach John Craft was pleased to see his team compete in its own meet.

"All in all, it was a very good meet for our team," Craft said. "We always like to run at home because what it does is it allows the team to compete in familiar surroundings. I was pleased with the efforts our kids put out because they really stepped up and put forth some strong performances."

Tisha Alvarez was one of those Panther athletes who had a strong showing, including a second-place finish in the hammer throw, which made her a provisional qualifier for the NCAA meet. The qualifying toss for provisionals is 49.50 meters, and Alvarez's toss was recorded at 49.66.

Alvarez finished first in the discus with a throw of 135 feet, 9 inches and she also placed second in the javelin throw.

"Alvarez had an outstanding day at the meet, and she seems to be moving along quite well this year," Craft said.

Rachel Schwartzkopf also came out strong over the weekend, as she took fifth in the hammer throw with a toss of 135 feet, 1 inch, fourth in the shot put with a mark of 40 feet, 3/4 inches and sixth in the javelin throw with a mark of 85 feet, 4 inches.

Keisha Dunlap managed to finish in second place in the shot put with a toss of 40 feet, 6 3/4 inches and she also took third in the hammer throw.

In the heptathlon, Vicki Sleezer, who was competing in the event for the first time in her career, made her mark by grabbing first place.

On the running side of the meet, Cristen Conrad and Jodi Milas took first and second respectively in the half mile. Conrad crossed the finish line with a time of 2 minutes 23.60 seconds and Milas clocked in with a time of 2:23.98.

Susan Langer also held her own at the meet, as she managed a second-place finish in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:56.65 while Tiffany Cheatham placed second in the 200-meter dash by crossing the line with a time of 26.4.

Shenoa Fehr and Jonica Craft wound up tying for fourth in the dash since both players crossed the line in 26.8 seconds.

One performance that particularly impressed Craft was Jo-Anne Trevino's third-place finish in the 5,000-meter run. Trevino, who had been having problems with a sore

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